(ग) यह छूट कब तक दे दिए जाने की सम्भावना है और क्या इस छूट का लाभ आम उपभोक्ता तक पहुंचेगा ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या आवश्यक कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राजस्व विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) :(क) से (घ) चीनी पर उत्पादन शुल्क की दरों में कोई सामान्य कमी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है । तथापि, आने वाली चीनी मौसम के आरम्भिक महीनों के दौरान अधिक उत्पादन के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने हेतु चीनी कारखानों को उत्पादन शुल्क में उपयुक्त राहत देने के लिए मंत्रालय को सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं । इन सुझावों की जांच की जा रही है ।

Curtailment of foreign visits by Government officials

3030. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions for curtailing foreign visits by Government officials as an economy measure and to conserve foreign exchange;

(b) if so, whether these instructions are also applicable to the directors of autonomous, departmental and Government aided scientific institutions; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the foreign visits undertaken by the Directors of such institutions during the last two year, date-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Government of India have issued instructions from time to time to all its Ministries/Departments advising them to restrict foreign visits of their officers to the barest minimum. Each proposal for deputation abroad is strictly scrutinised and agreed to only if the visit is considered inescapable and absolutely necessary in public interest.

(b) These instructions are not automatically applicable in case of autonomous organisations and the other institutions attached to them. In their case, suitable instructions are issued by the administrative Ministries.

(c) The information is not available and will have to be collected from all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. Collection of this information will involve considerable time and labour and the result to be achieved will not be commensurate with the time and labour involved in collecting the information.

Anti-India activities in Srinagar

3031. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently at a crowded meeting in Jama Masjid in Srinagar to mourn the death of Ayatollah Khomeni anti-India statements were made over the microphone and Indian tricolour was burnt and all this happened in the presence of the Iranian Ambassador to India;

(b) whether this incident was reported to the Home Ministry by the intelligence sources and also by the Kashmir Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government have received reports from its sources regarding the meeting on the 9th June, 1989, at Jama Masjid, Srinagar. According to these reports, the post—"Fateh Khani" (prayer for the departed soul) condolence meeting was marred by repeated disruptions by rival sections of youth owing allegiance to different groups. Some speakers made inflammatory speeches and were jeered and one was forced

to retire. National flags of some countries were also burnt by a faction.

The Government take a serious view of such provocative and anti-national activities. According to the State Government a case has been registered by the Police.

Executive Engineers/Assistant Engineers of MCD placed in the category of "Workman"

3032. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been placed in the category Workman;

(b) if so, what is the rule under which they have been placed in that category;

(c) whether any compensation is being given to them for attending the duties on Saturdays;

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for Municipal Corporation of Delhi to come out with an order that Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers have to attend office on Saturdays; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to remedy this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The field staff of Engineering Department, Conservancy and Drainage Department, Fire and Horticulture Department of the MCD are following six-days-a-week schedule. Therefore, the question of compensation to any category in these departments does not arise.

Shahdara Court, Delhi

3033. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shahdara Court in Delhi is housed in a very dilapidated building which is insufficient for nine Judges and Magistrates to hold courts there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the litigants, lawyers and judges are very much inconvenienced due to the lack of proper building for Shahdara Court resulting in piling up of a great number of cases in the Court;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Shadara Court Lawyers' Association has been agitating for a proper court building for the last so many years;

(d) whether Government had promised in 1985 to build a building at Kaikarduma for Shahdara Court and the same has not yet come out as a result of which there is great resentment amongst the lawyers and litigants in Shahdara; and

(e) by when Government proposes to provide a suitable building for Shahdara Court in trans-Yamuna area itself?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the shortage of accommodation in Shahdara Court.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) A sum of Rs. 8.48 crores has been sanctioned for the construction of court building during seventh plan period and the work is in progress.

Negotiations with Punjab extremists

3034. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Navbharat Times of 7th July, 1989